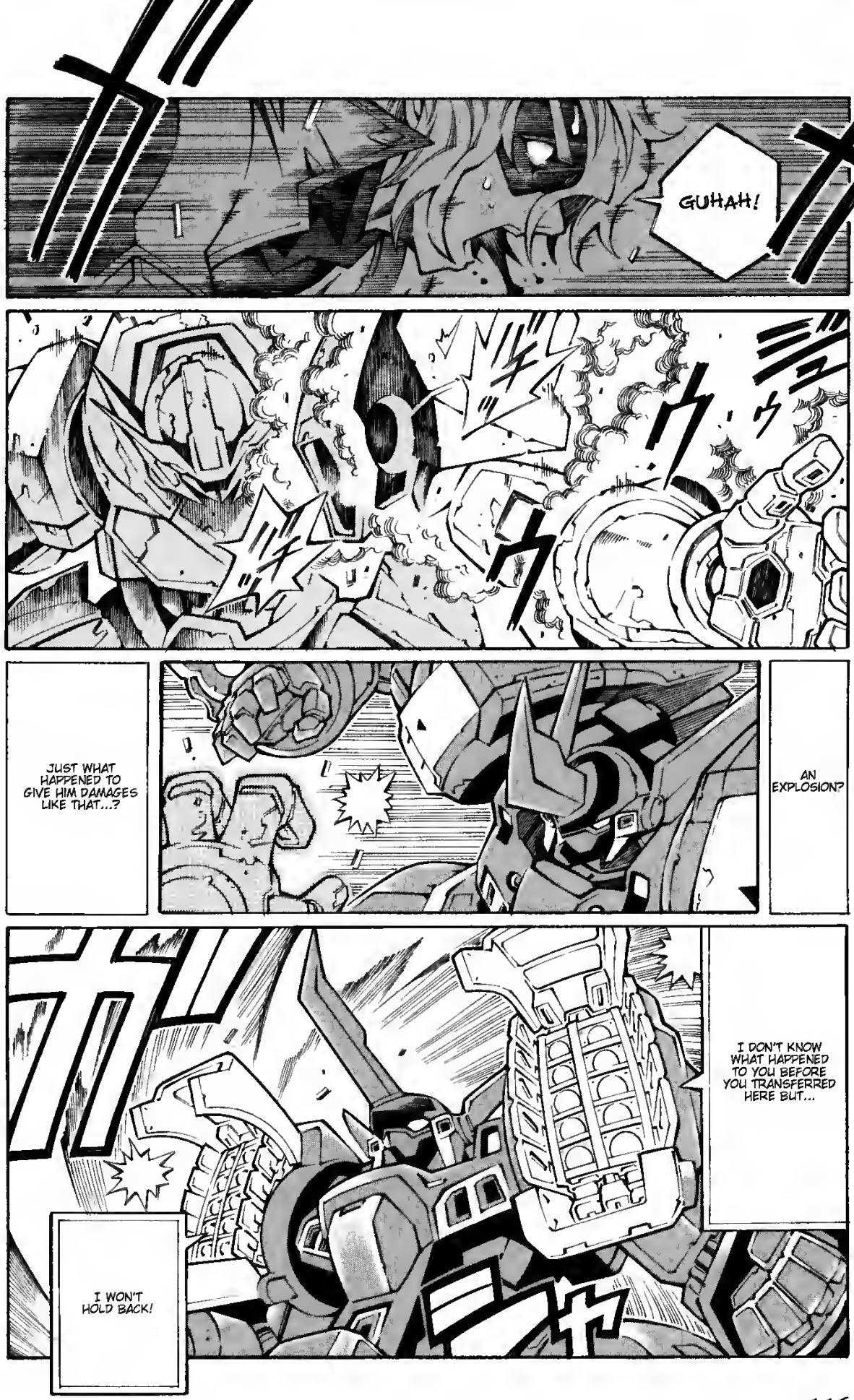
SEI!
RYU!
KUH!


GUHAH!
JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO GIVE HIM DAMAGES LIKE THAT...?
AN EXPLOSION?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU BEFORE YOU TRANSFERRED HERE BUT...
I WON'T HOLD BACK!

HERE! HAVE ALL OF MY CLAYMORES!
M138, FOCUS ON SUPPORT DEFENDING.
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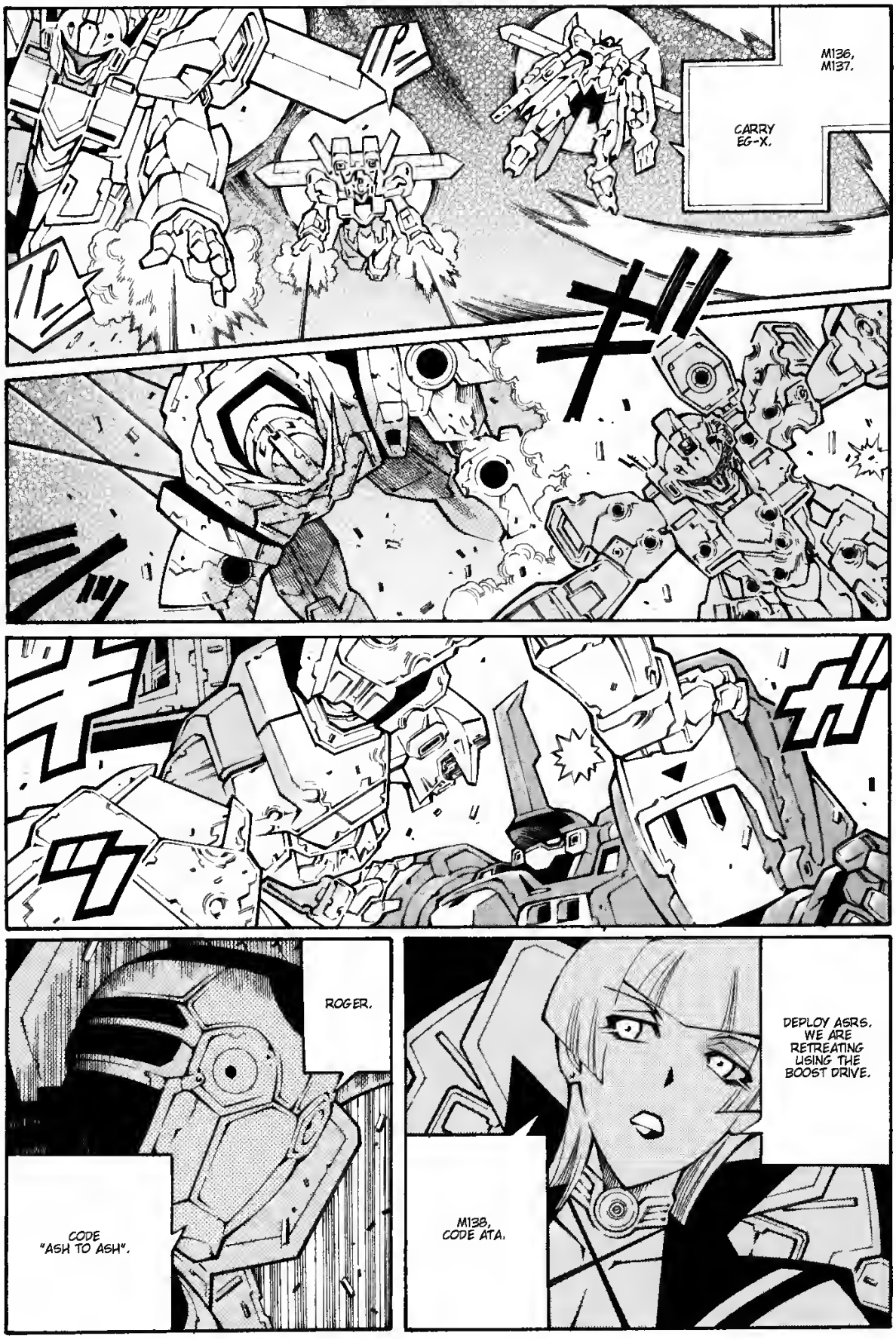
M136,
M137.
CARRY
EG-X.
ROGER.
CODE
"ASH TO ASH".
M138,
CODE ATA.
DEPLOY ASRS.
WE ARE
RETREATING
USING THE
BOOST DRIVE.

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EXECUTING.
SELF-DESTRUCT?
DID IT...

SO W16 RECOVERED THE EG-X...
LAMIA, BELOW!
UNDERSTOOD, EXIE!
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL...
THERE!

ENOUGH...
THIS... IS...
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YOU COME ATTACKING OUT OF NOWHERE AND NOW THIS?
HOW SELFISH CAN YOU GET?
EXCELLEN...
YOU... SHOULD...

UNDERSTAND...
I REALLY DON'T.
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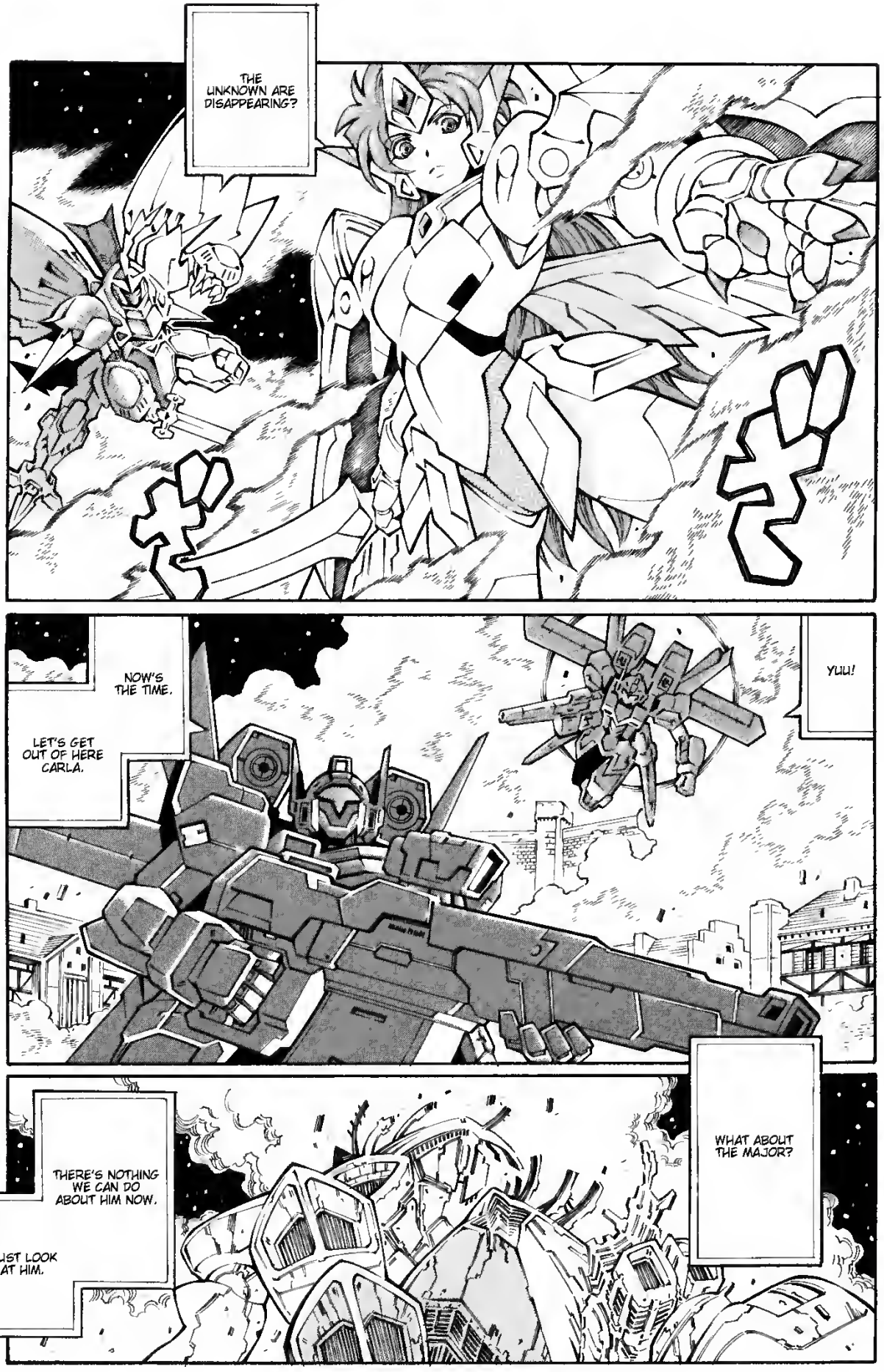
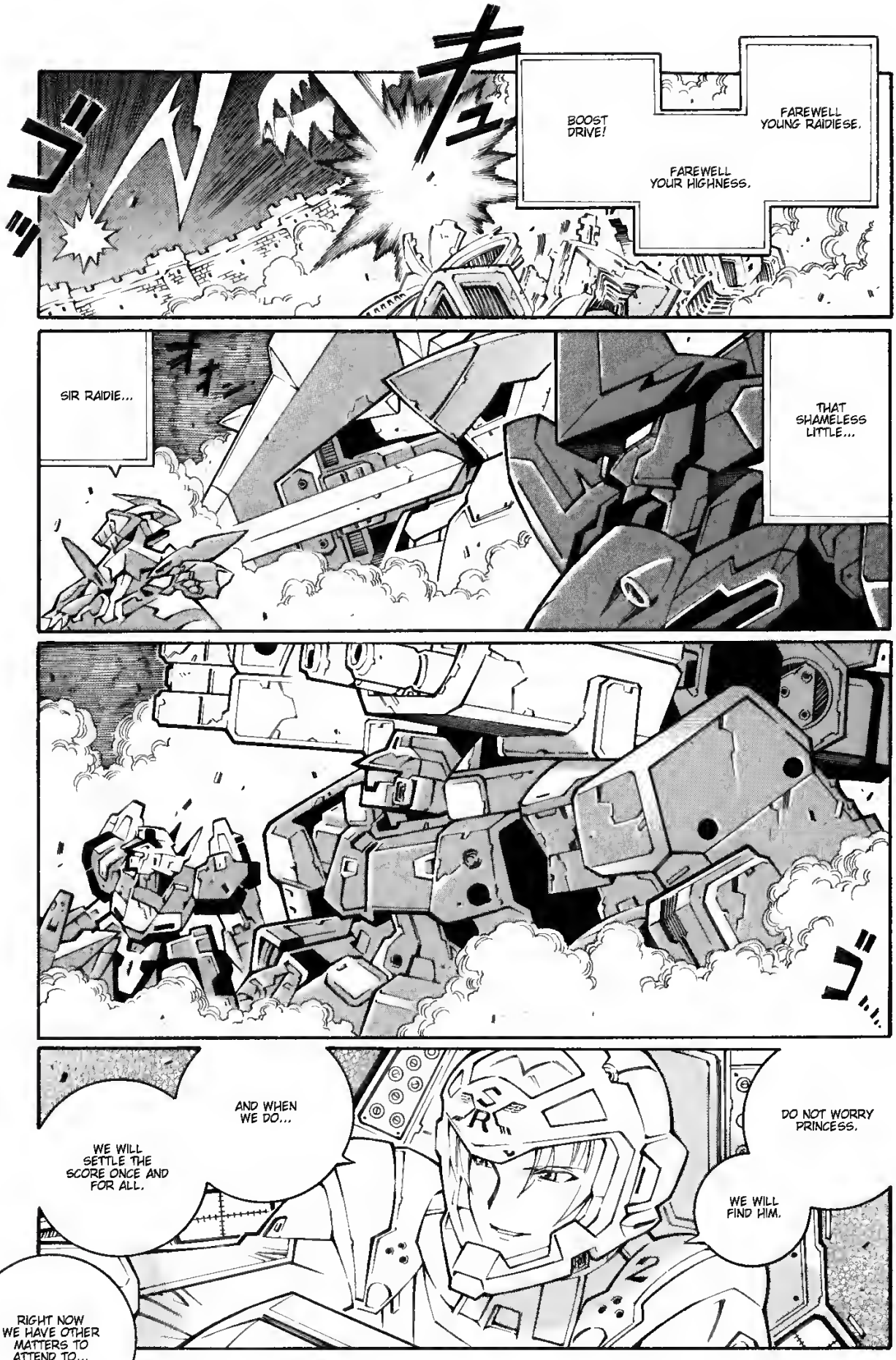
UNDER-
STAND?


THE UNKNOWN ARE DISAPPEARING?
NOW'S THE TIME.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE CARLA.
YUU!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT HIM NOW.
JUST LOOK AT HIM.
WHAT ABOUT THE MAJOR?

EH!?
I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
OH DEAR, THAT WAS QUITE THE SURPRISE.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BOOST DRIVE!
FAREWELL YOUNG RAIDIESE.
FAREWELL YOUR HIGHNESS.
SIR RAIDIE...
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THAT SHAMELESS LITTLE...
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AND WHEN WE DO...
WE WILL SETTLE THE SCORE ONCE AND FOR ALL.
DO NOT WORRY PRINCESS.
WE WILL FIND HIM.
RIGHT NOW WE HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO...

AH!

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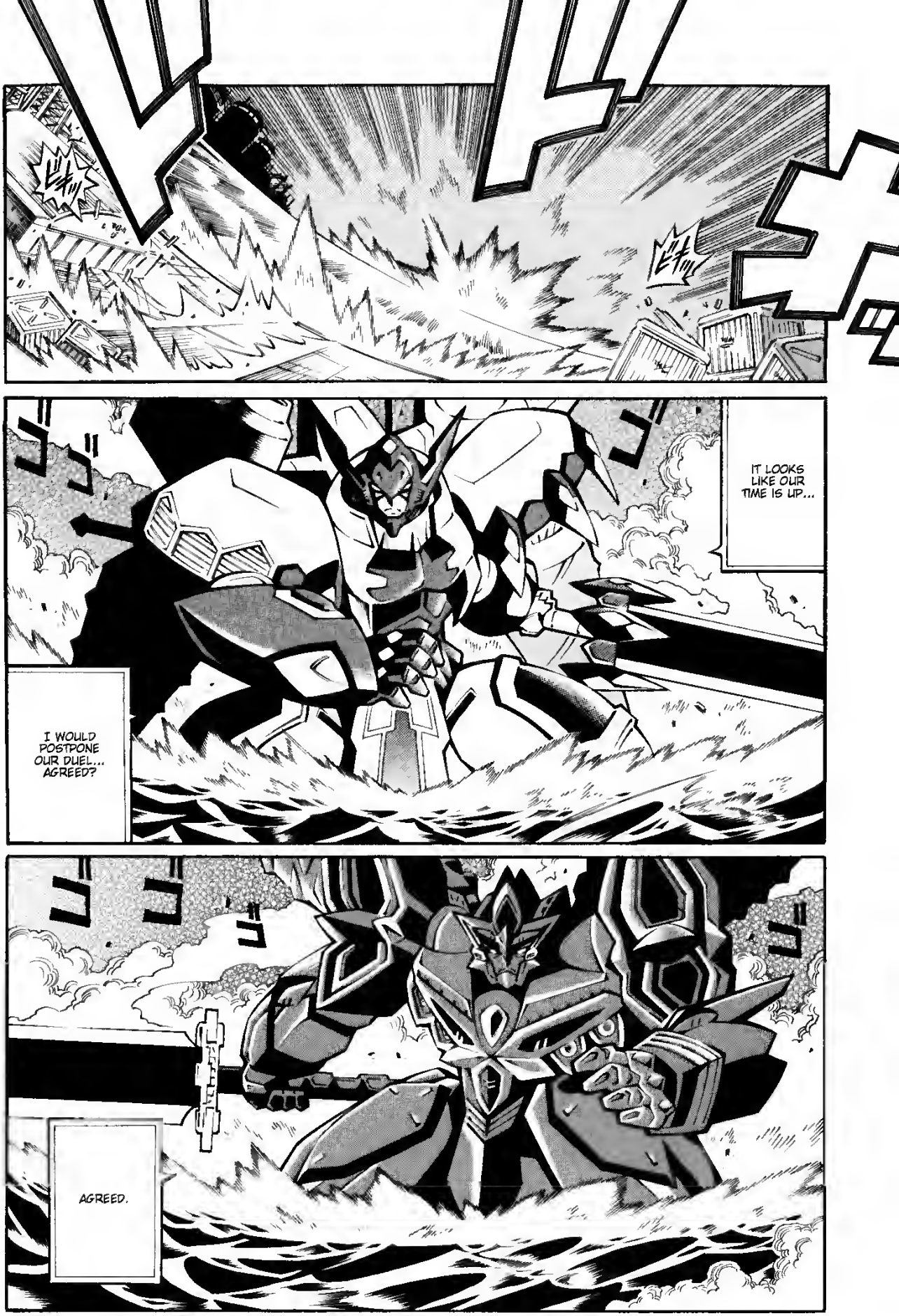
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR TIME IS UP...
I WOULD POSTPONE OUR DUEL... AGREED?
AGREED.

MAJOR SANGER...
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WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?
ASSAULT.1
ON LINE.
KYOUSUKE.
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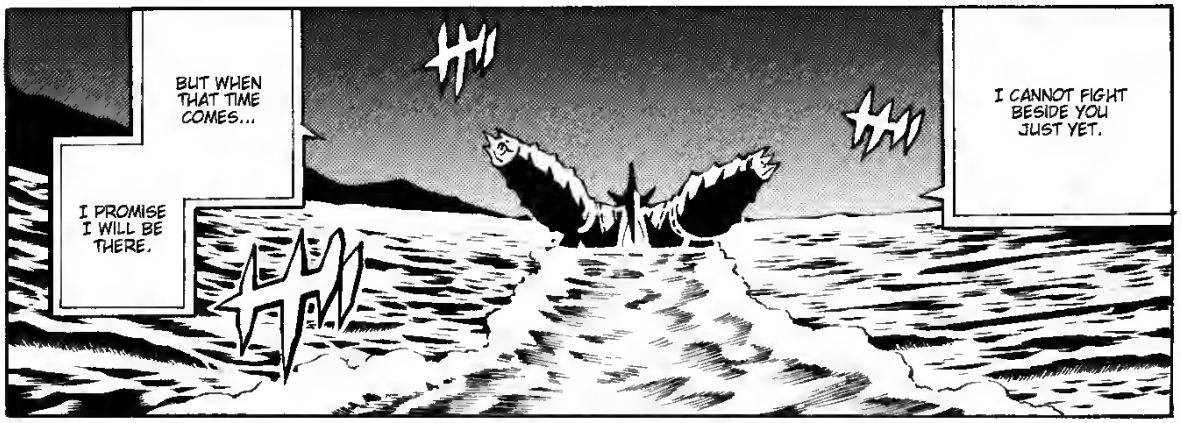
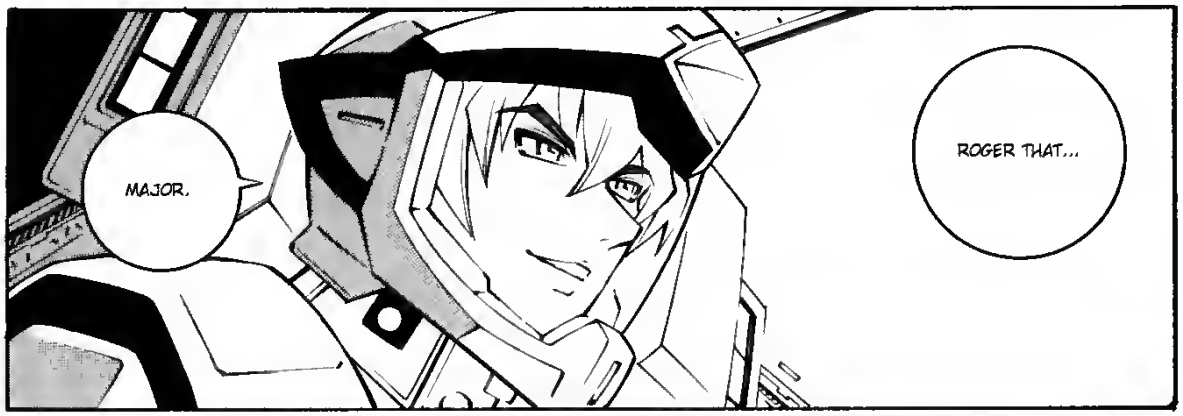
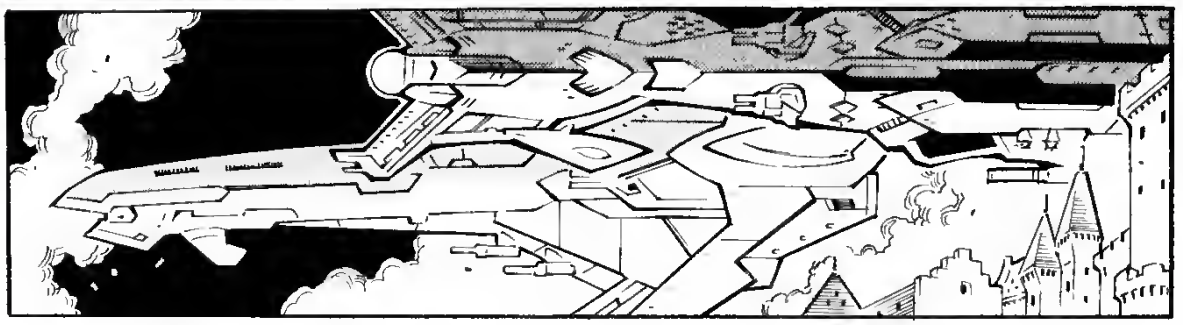
B7





#24. RANDOM HEARTS



GOOD WORK TODAY, LAMIA!
EXIE...
I'M FINE, I'M FINE!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU SEEMED TO BE UNDER A LOT OF STRAIN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULDN'T LIKE TOTALLY LIE DOWN FOR A BIT?

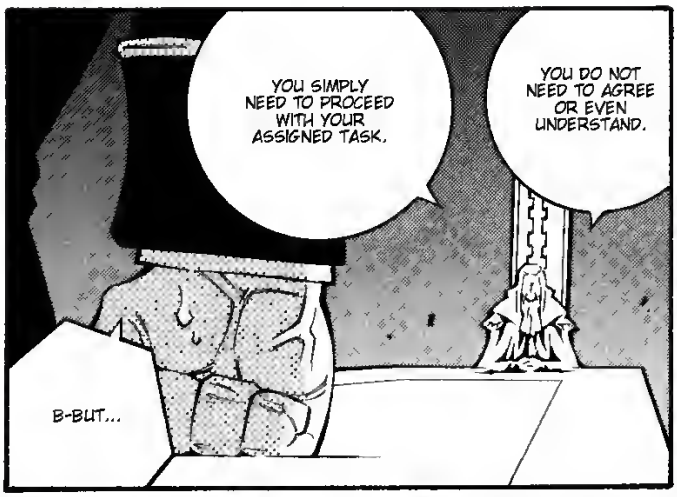
HMM...
I'M SURE YOU'RE EXHAUSTED AS WELL, LAMIA.
BUT WITH A BATTLE AS CRAZY AS THAT ONE...
HMM...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT YOUR REAL JOB IS BEING AN INDUSTRY TEST PILOT, ISN'T IT...?
IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR YOU HAVING TO FLING ABOUT WITH A SQUAD LIKE OURS...
SOMETHING ON YOU MIND?
I'VE NOT LIVED LONG ENOUGH THAT I CAN GUARANTEE ANY GREAT ADVICE...
UP
I DO NOT REALLY KNOW HOW TO DEFINE THE PROBLEM...
BUT I CAN ALWAYS LISTEN.

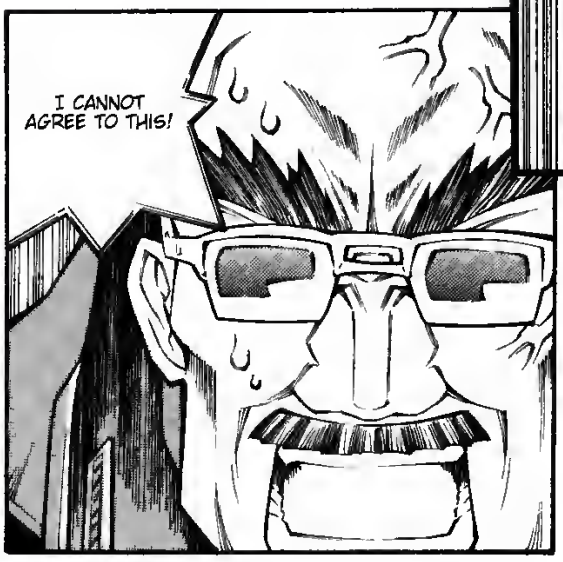
HM?
OR...
MAYBE THAT IS PART OF THE PROBLEM IN AND OF ITSELF...
FOR INSTANCE...
TAKE THE FORCES OF THE HIRYU KAI AND THE HAGANE...
IT IS A FORCE BUILT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISA BATTLE TACTICS.
BUT THE SPECS OF OUR MACHINES...
AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF OUR TROOPS...
ARE TOO IRREGULAR AND TOO NARROWLY FOCUSED.

THERE ARE ALWAYS SEVERAL SECONDARY MISSION GOALS OR CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE PERFORMED...
IT IS A VERY VAGUE SITUATION...
AND DURING BATTLE...
A PROPER HIERARCHY OF RANK IS RARELY FOLLOWED.
THIS FORCE CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AS A PROPER UNIT WHEN IT SHOULD BE FALLING TO PIECES. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT.
AND YET EVEN WITHOUT PROPER HIERARCHY AND WITH SUCH UNFOCUSED MISSION PLANS...
MAYBE IT IS NOT A FEELING OF HAVING TO HAVE PROPER REGULATIONS...
BUT THIS, I WANT TO SAY UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING...
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING ALRIGHT THOUGH, LAMIA...

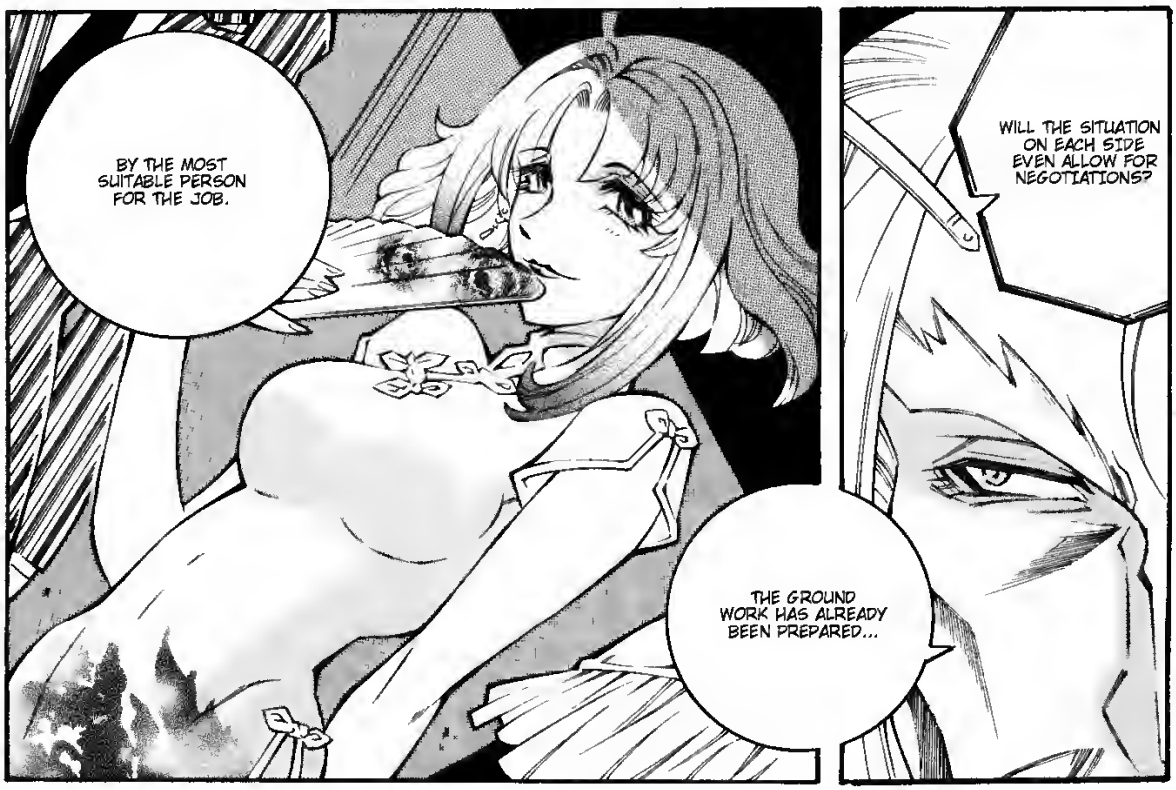
THAT WHICH ALL OF THE UNIT SHARE...
BUT MAYBE I HAVE YET TO FIND...
I SUPPOSE THE BEST ANSWER WOULD BE...
"WHILE YOU LIVE YOU LEARN"...
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
BUT FOR STARTERS...
HOW ABOUT THAT?

SEEING IT FIRST HAND IS A RARE OCCURRENCE...
BUT MAYBE THE TRUE ANSWER IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS...


YOU SIMPLY NEED TO PROCEED WITH YOUR ASSIGNED TASK.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO AGREE OR EVEN UNDERSTAND.
B-BUT...


I CANNOT AGREE TO THIS!

VAN VAT TRAN IS THE KIND OF MAN...
WHO WE CAN CONSIDER TRUSTWORTHY IN THIS CASE.
THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH THIS...


BY THE MOST SUITABLE PERSON FOR THE JOB.
WILL THE SITUATION ON EACH SIDE EVEN ALLOW FOR NEGOTIATIONS?
THE GROUND WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED...

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